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CALIFORNIA MAKING FRIENDS.

After ten years of wrangling Nevada and California have arrived at an understanding concerning the use of the waters of Lake Tahoe.

The Native Sons have been brought to a realization that Nevada does not ask for anything more than what is coming to it and that the request for an extension of the water rights from the big picnic place of both states is nothing more than what the sagebrushers deserve. Dispute over this adjustment threatened to verge into a long and arduous war from which the farmers of the Forney district would suffer through losing crops that would not wait for the wary statesmen to thresh out every detail of an agreement enduring for all time. Nevada was on the right side and the action of the U. S. Army engineers in siding with our people in face of the determined opposition of water users on the western slope appeared to be laying the foundation for a litigation that might carry on to the end of time. As one of the best known lawyers of the coast is quoted as saying: "I never knew a case where two disputants with open minds could not get their legs under a table and arrive at an amicable understanding." That is what happened in the case at hand. Nevada was asking for nothing more than the proper quota of water to which she was entitled with the lake at its normal level and nobody suggested that the rule be set to permit the egress of a greater portion than was supposed to be running down the eastern slope. When it was learned that the Nevada supply was blocked by an accumulation of vegetation and sand forming across the mouth of the outlet and that the flow had been diminished to the detriment of Nevada agriculturists, it was a simple matter of arriving at an agreement by which the flotsam and jetsam could be removed and the waters of the placid lake on the west of the Sierras be allowed to take their normal course. It is a great feat to have the leading men of two states reach a perfectly harmonious settlement without facing horns in a deadly encounter and the men on both sides are to be congratulated on their forbearance.

A FRIENDLESS TAX.

Although it is mid-season in the payment of government taxes the excess profits tax is still galling and wormwood in the daily diet of the average business man who is constantly reminded thereof through the intricate bookkeeping required to comply with the law. Whatever system the new administration may decide upon seems apparent that the excess profits tax must go. It hasn't a friend at court and there is universal agreement that it should never have been kept on the statute books three months after the signing of the armistice.

The same sentiment is finding expression in England where the author of the tax in that country, Rt. Hon. R. McKenna, chairman of the London Joint City and Midland bank, went so far in a recent speech as to say that the tax "is anything more than a temporary war demand is essentially bad, and, I can assure you in framing it I had no conception of continuing beyond the period of the war."

The principle on which it was based, the machinery by which it was put in operation were devised for only a war period. I cannot find a single defender of the war tax and I understand that the only ground on which it is continued is that no substitute can be found for it. No substitute should be found. I ought to go further and say that the very fact that no alternative can be proposed to such an admittedly bad tax is proof positive that the nation has exhausted its taxable capacity.

POPULAR CAMPAIGN FUND.

In face of the false statement of Governor Cox that the Republican campaign has been financed by millionaires it is pleasant to revert to the efforts of Will H. Hays, national chairman and his assistants in the western states that the campaign must be handled through popular subscriptions coming from the common people and the masses who have suffered in silence from eight years of maladministration at Washington. The Democratic national committee has gone on record as stating that the only limit to subscriptions is the blue sky and that millions must be had from individuals to see the election through. It is conceded that millions have already been raised for the Democratic fund whose plans will also be made to function through an army of officeholders, hopeful of keeping that party in power. Chairman Hays urges that loyal Republicans make modest subscriptions to the campaign fund with the promise that every dollar will be publicly accounted for at the close of the campaign in an official publication setting forth the names and amounts in every case. This does not look like the groundwork of a platocratic campaign or one in which the bloated corporations will be asked to bear the burden. In this way Chairman Hays impresses on the party following that this campaign is going to be a campaign of the people and for the people and that the limit will not be such as to preclude the publication of the amount each subscriber shall provide.

ROOSEVELT'S ACCEPTANCE.

Franklin Roosevelt's address accepting second place on the Democratic ticket is a much more scholarly and broad conception of the duties of the administration and one involuntarily thinks that the party made a mistake in running him for second place. It is a case of the tail wagging the dog. Nevertheless Mr. Roosevelt is so infatuated with his own ideas that he does not pause to consider the rightful position of the chief executive of this country or his right hand man for he indulges in a criticism of Congress that is strictly in line with the wishes of President Wilson. The latter cannot see anything good in Congress which thwarted his plans for making himself president of the world's republic. Neither can Mr. Roosevelt find anything to commend in the action of the legislative branch which was responsible for forcing retrenchment where the Wilson administration claimed that war measures and war expenses should continue indefinitely. Mr. Roosevelt falls into the natural error of his school of politics in believing that the

president of the United States is a despot whose every wish should be obeyed and in deference to whose mandate Congress should be "disciplined." One of these days Mr. Roosevelt will find time to revert to his third grade school books to learn that Congress is the only ruling power known under the constitution of the United States and that the president and his cabinet are simply there to carry out the behests of the people.

NEVADA DESERT LANDS OPENED

A B. Gray, receiver of the U. S. land office, has been doing a land office business under the Pittman land act. Recently applications for 20,000 acres were approved in Clark county and more filings are coming each day.

It took the California speculators to see the Nevada possibilities, according to Gray, who says that as soon as the Pittman act was in cold print they organized concerns to locate Nevada lands. The land receiver says they are charging settlers all the way from \$150 per filing to \$250 the latter figure being the price set by the Los Angeles concerns, while a higher price is charged by the Sacramento and Oakland firms.

"The plan," says Gray, "to select the four sections of the map, set it aside for the customers, assure them that all they have to do is to hold on, and collect the money. Ninety per cent of the entrymen have never been in here of Nevada soil and never will. While there is no fraud connected with this transaction, the people are being charged for something that is practically worth free. The filing fee for an entry is but \$20.00. The Los Angeles outfit does not pay the filing fee."

Gray further states that in order to hold this entry land that actual work must commence within six months and that water must be developed within two years. He expects that the major part of the land will revert and again be sold by the speculators.

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